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FINE ART: Making the most of learning from artist Cary Littleford last year are St Mary's College Year 11 students, from left, Jessica Grice, Chloe Cooper, Saakshi Dhakal and Spriha Paudel

Chance to show creativity

AT St Mary's College, arts education provides students with more than a creative outlet.

It also connects them to the greater world through the exploration of social and contemporary issues with state-of-the-art mediums.

A collaborative project with top Tasmanian video artist Cary Littleford has seen the college go one pace beyond in Visual Arts education. The college is now looking ahead

to future digital projection projects that will allow students to hone these sought-after creative skills.

St Mary's College principal Helen Spencer said the project not only involved students working hands-on with cutting-edge technology, but also provided them with the opportunity for a collaborative approach to art-making.

"It has been wonderful to watch our students embrace a technology-based approach to art making," Ms Spencer said.

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"Looking at the finished work, it's evident technology provides a vehicle for the images, and vice versa."

Having spent 10 weeks working with Mr Littleford, four Year 11 students were offered the unique chance to talk about his art practice, providing them with an unparalleled insight into contemporary art practices.

Speaking at the College's student

art exhibition, Mr Littleford said that while a technological approach to artistic practice was becoming increasingly popular, projection art in Tasmania was still a relatively new concept.

"St Mary's is breaking new ground in creating a long-term artistic video projection on such a large scale in Tasmania," he said.

Ms Spencer said the College was always looking for ways to move forward and lead in exceptional education.

"Arts education encapsulates critical and deep thinking, as well as problem-solving," she said.

"Future projection and technology-based art projects will allow St Mary's students to challenge their thinking and aptitude to adapt in our changing world."

St Mary's College is passionate about, and committed to, students' continual creative learning and ability to extend and improve their art-making, with the possibility of future Artists in Residence programs.

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